



H.R. 400 – War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007

FLOOR SITUATION

H.R. 400 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Neil Abercrombie (D-HI) on January 11, 2007. The House Committee on the Judiciary approved the bill, as amended, by voice vote on August 1, 2007.

H.R. 400 is expected to be considered on the floor on October 9, 2007.

SUMMARY

H.R. 400 criminalizes profiteering and defrauding the U.S. Government for goods and services provided for U.S. military, relief, or reconstruction missions abroad. For intentionally defrauding or overvaluing goods and services, the bill would impose a maximum prison sentence of 20 years.

The bill would impose a maximum 10-year penalty for knowingly falsifying, concealing, or covering up documents or statements related to the contract or the provision of those goods and services. Additionally, the bill establishes a fine of \$1 million or twice the value of the profits earned from the contract.

H.R. 400 provides for extraterritorial Federal jurisdiction of these offenses and lays out the venue for prosecution of the cases.

BACKGROUND

The Judiciary Subcommittee held a hearing on “War Profiteering and Other Contractor Crimes Committed Overseas” on June 19, 2007.

COST

According to the Congressional Budget Office, “implementing H.R. 400 would have no significant cost to the federal government.”

[CBO Estimate – H.R. 400, War Profiteering Prevention Act of 2007](#)

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